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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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**STATEMENT OF
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

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Applicant

Sunil K. Jain, et al.

Application No.

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Examiner

John P. Trimmings

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Invention Title

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TESTING A SERIAL DIFFERENTIAL/MIXED SIGNAL
DEVICE

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SIR:

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the Applicants' representative during the telephonic interview conducted on **February 20, 2004**, and provides this Statement of Substance of Interview in accordance with MPEP § 713.04:

- (A) Exhibits, Demonstrations: None.
- (B) Claims Discussed: All pending independent claims were discussed.
- (C) Prior Art: U.S. Pat. No. 5,909,186 to Gohringer.
- (D) Proposed Amendments:

In all independent claims, Applicant proposed to amend "input testing signals having an analog signal component, a digital signal component, and a differential signal component."

- (E) Principal Argument(s) of Applicants:

Gohringer, either alone or in combination with other cited references, does not teach testing "an electronic device by applying to the electronic device input testing signals having an analog signal component, a digital signal component, and a differential signal component." The claim presents three classes of signals (analog, digital and differential). Applicant believes that Gohringer does not show extension to testing of differential signals.

- (F) Other Matters: Applicant also argued that the § 112, first paragraph, rejections to claims 8-13 and 24-27 should be withdrawn because the specification adequately describes the "differential monitoring device."

- (G) General Results or Outcome: The Examiners agreed to withdraw the § 112, first paragraph rejections. With respect to the §§ 102 and 103 rejections, Applicant proposed to clarify the term "differential signal component" and its use as a term of art.

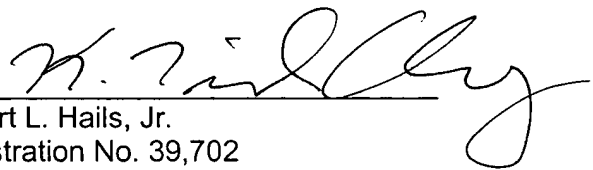
Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter regarding this application, at (202) 220-4200.

Respectfully submitted,

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